

Ensuring Legitimacy of Digital Media

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

One embodiment of the present invention provides a system for verifying the
5 legitimacy of a digital media file, including an analysis module for determining control
information associated with the digital media file and for computing a known hash value
that uniquely identifies the digital media file, and a verification module for computing a
verification hash value from the analyzed digital media file received, and for comparing
that verification hash value to the known hash value to verify the analyzed digital media
10 file received has not been compromised. Another embodiment of the present invention
provides a method for verifying the legitimacy of a digital media file previously
established as legitimate.